



Richard Leavitt, Jr.

March 6, 1936 - February 20, 2014

Myrtle Beach...CDR Richard Campbell Leavitt, Jr., USN(Ret.), age 77, of Southern Trail, died Thursday, February 20, 2014 at Conway Medical Center after a long illness.

CDR. Leavitt was born in Syracuse, NY, a son of the late Richard Campbell and Eleanor Brigham Leavitt. He grew up in Port Chester, NY and completed his high school education at Wooster School in Danbury, CT. CDR. Leavitt graduated from Amherst College in 1957 with a Degree in History. In 1959, he entered OCS and was commissioned in the USN in 1959. He served on four ships during his 22 year career. CDR. Leavitt was Commanding Officer of the US Naval Facility in Bermuda and retired in 1981 in Washington, DC. He served one year in Vietnam and was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal and the Bronze star.

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Vivian Kennedy Leavitt, one daughter, Victoria Anne Leavitt of Alexandria, VA, two brothers, Avery T. Leavitt of and Russell Leavitt of Brentwood, CO, and one sister, Susie Leavitt of Gig Harbor, WA. He is predeceased by a sister Bonnie Jean Smith.

His dog Lucy was a very special part of his life.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 PM Tuesday at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel with Pastor John Kassouf officiating. Burial will follow in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be sent to Mercy Care, 8216 Devon Court, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

RM

“ 1 file added to the album *Golfing Memories*



Rick Matthews - June 01, 2018 at 07:28 AM

RD

“ Was honored to have him be my Commanding Officer. Randy Derheim, Sioux Falls SD. US Naval Facility Bermuda. '79-'81.

Randy Derheim - January 20, 2016 at 11:02 AM

AB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort from your memories, as well as God's word the bible. Why do people we love die? Romans 5:12 says: "That is why, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned." How loving of God to promise what is found at Revelation 21:4 which says, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."

A. Bell - February 27, 2014 at 06:26 PM

SS

“ I've known Dick and Viv for about 10 years and enjoyed seeing them on the golf course or in the back yard with Lucy. I felt a great friendship with Dick. My deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers to you all.

Sue Sheehan
MBN employee



sue Sheehan - February 24, 2014 at 09:00 PM

DB

“ David and Carla Barrie purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Richard Leavitt, Jr..



David and Carla Barrie - February 24, 2014 at 02:37 PM

TF

“ I will miss our Can Am matches and phone calls. May you rest in peace my friend.
Terry Feskun



Terry Feskun - February 24, 2014 at 08:47 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Leavitt, Jr..*



February 24, 2014 at 08:35 AM



“ *4 files added to the album Golfing Memories*



Don Rae - February 24, 2014 at 07:49 AM



“ *It was nice over the past few years to reconnect with my brother Dick (I so badly want to call him Dickie.....). We would talk a couple of times a year and talk about our sports teams and how they were doing or our golf games. Recently when I talked to Dick in January and he told me about his condition, I felt so hopeless. I asked him what I could do and he said..."Russell, call me every week". I did that...I am so glad I got to talk to him the week before he passed. I will miss the phones calls. Rest in peace my brother!*

Russ Leavitt - February 23, 2014 at 02:04 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Russ Leavitt - February 23, 2014 at 02:01 PM

SV

“ *Susie, Mary Grace, Annah, and Vivie purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Richard Leavitt, Jr..*



Susie, Mary Grace, Annah, and Vivie - February 23, 2014 at 11:37 AM

BE

“ *Dick and Vivian have been my personal friends for a long time. They both are very special people. I matched them up on a blind date 47 years ago and it is one of the best things I ever did. They fell in love and have had a good life together. Dick was a warm, loving man. They have a very special daughter. I happened to be visiting when she had a teen age party in the basement and Dick was like a cat on a hot tin roof. It still makes me chuckle to think of him pacing the floor.
He will be sorely missed. Bev*

Bev - February 23, 2014 at 11:35 AM

SL

“ Dick was the best "oldest brother" any sister could have. I remember so many things about Dick. We siblings always called him "Dicky" growing up - and we all respected his level head, calm demeanor, kind temperament, and delightful sense of humor. Dicky was most like my Dad in temperament - and he was always close to my heart. Rest in peace, my loved brother. You will remain in my heart forever.

Susie Leavitt - February 23, 2014 at 11:32 AM

WU

“ RIP Sailor !!!



Wayne Williams - USMC - February 22, 2014 at 08:42 PM

DR

“ A chance encounter on the Internet in 2003 lead to an 11 Year friendship with Dick and Vivian. We shared Dick's passion for golf, and enjoyed many visits with the Leavitt's since that time. Somehow, our trips to Myrtle Beach will not be quite the same going forward.

Don Rae - February 22, 2014 at 03:34 PM

DR

“ *Don and Audrey Rae purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard Leavitt, Jr..*



Don and Audrey Rae - February 22, 2014 at 03:26 PM